

MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Wednesday November 16, 2022 – 5:00 pm

Town Hall – Second Floor Meeting Room

Meeting Minutes

Present: Melanie Ames Zamojski, Rachel Stoler & Michael Nelson

Staff: Health Clerk – Anne E. H. Stuart

Other: Jennifer Hoffman – Greenfield Health Director & Interim Acting Health Director for Montague

Guests: Julian Mendoza – Greenfield Recorder

Melanie Ames Zamojski opened the meeting at 5:03 PM

October 19, 2022 Minutes

- The Board of Health members reviewed the minutes.

*Michael Nelson **Motioned** to approve the October 19, 2022 minutes as presented. Seconded by Rachel Stoler. **Motion passes.***

Zamojski – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Stoler - Aye

Directors Report:

- Jennifer Hoffman gave an overview of the work done by her
 - Housing Inspections
 - 38 East Main – cancelled 2X
 - 68 Lake Pleasant
 - 201 Millers Falls Rd odor and trash complaint
 - 92 Second Street Apt #3 no heat/electricity
 - Food
 - Rendezvous – cleaned up in compliance
 - Food City – several violations follow up in 3 weeks

*Rachel Stoler **Motioned** to approve the Director's report as presented. Seconded by Michael Nelson. **Motion passes.***

Zamojski – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Stoler- Aye

Nurse Report:

- There is still no medical director at this point to oversee all vaccines for the town. Jennifer has asked Dr. Lepore if he would be interested in overseeing Montague.
- Follow up is being done by Town Nurse, Cheryl Volpe for a potential Lyme case
- The Board of Health members reviewed and discussed hosting the UMASS SON students in the Spring. All members thought it would be a great collaborative but want a concrete plan of what they will be doing to get a broader experience with Cheryl and the town. Some suggestions were to do some experiences through the collaborative, follow up on the previous research done by the student.
- Melanie will reach out to School of Nursing and Cheryl to follow up on what their objectives are in the collaboration.

*Melanie Ames-Zamojski **Motioned** to approve the Nurse Report with the amendment to follow up with UMASS SON & Cheryl. Seconded by Rachel Stoler. **Motion passes.***

Zamojski – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Stoler- Aye

Animal/Barn Inspector Report:

- MDAR held a webinar but the notification was too late to attend.
- Barn Inspections are in process.

Michael Nelson **Motioned** to approve the Animal and Barn Inspector Report as presented. Seconded by Rachel Stoler. **Motion passes.**

Zamojski – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Stoler- Aye

Old Business:

- COVID
 - COVID numbers are down along with the water results. Hospital admissions are up. The traffic light information system has been well received by the community.
 - There will be a clinic at the Town Hall Annex on November 18, 2022 run by MRC and Robin Neipp.
 - Statewide Opioid Settlement there is opioid money in a holding line item that Rachel will look to see if there is an existing school program, we can partner with on this. Otherwise, it can be used for:
 - Outreach
 - Prevention – schools/libraries
 - Mediation – social worker
 - Elders – welfare checks/addiction
 - Health Director Hiring Update
 - Michael gave an update that the committee plans to bring 2 candidates to the Board of Health in November. At that meeting they will move forward with the recommendation of 1 candidate to the Selectboard for consideration and approval in December.

New Business:

- Consider agreement for temporary Health Department staffing and job descriptions with the City of Greenfield per shared services grant.
 - The board discussed the agreement and accepted the agreement with changes to be made in sections 3.2 and 3.3 by Melanie Ames Zamojski.

Michael Nelson **Motioned** to approve the shared services grant and send it to the City of Greenfield, MA for execution with authorized changes to be done by Melanie Ames Zamojski as discussed. Seconded by Rachel Stoler. **Motion passes.**

Zamojski – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Stoler- Aye

- Meeting Schedule for 2023
 - The board approved the schedule for 2023. Anne will get it stamped in and posted with the Town Clerk's office.

Michael Nelson **Motioned** to approve the 2023 BOH meeting schedule. Seconded by Rachel Stoler. **Motion passes.**

Unanticipated Business:

- Request by Ann Fisk on behalf of Montague Center Congregational Church to reduce the Food Service fee for 2023.
 - The board discussed the request

*Michael Nelson **Motioned** to accept the request to reduce the fee for Montague Center Church for 2023. Seconded by Rachel Stoler. **Motion fails.***

Zamojski – Nay, Nelson – Nay, Stoler- Nay

Meeting adjourned: 6:20 PM

*Rachel Stoler **Motioned** to adjourn the Board of Health meeting. Seconded by Michael Nelson. **Motion passes.***

Zamojski – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Stoler - Aye

Approved by: _____ Date: _____

Documents:

Minutes
Directors Report
Nurse Report
Animal/Barn Inspector Report
UMASS SON Course Outline: N498T
Health Agent Service Agreement
Health Inspector Job Description
Public Health Nurse Job Description
Opioid Email
2023 Fee Schedule
Letter from Ann Fisk/ Montague Center Congregational Church